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O R 171442Z JUN 77 FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8851 COMMANDANT COAST GUARD WASHDC

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SUBJECT: JARVIS PORT CALL AT NAKHODKA

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- 1. MINFISH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, KUZNETSOV, TOLD SCIOFF ON AFTERNOON JUNE 17 THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER JARVIS TO BE NAVAL VESSEL AND THEREFORE APPROVAL FOR PORT CALL MUST BE REQUESTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. KUZNETSOV STATED THAT SOVIET EMB IN WASHINGTON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY SUCH REQUEST. FURTHERMORE, MIN FISH REPS STATED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS UNSURE ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THE JARVIS CALL. KUZNETSOV NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSED TO THE JARVIS VISIT, HOWEVER, IT MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH PROPER DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW. KUZNETSOV IMPLIED THAT IF DIPLOMATIC NOTE SUBMITTED, SOVIETS MIGHT BE ABLE TO APPROVE JARVIS VISIT AT A SOMEWHAT LATER DATE THAN THE ORIGINALLY FORESEEN JUNE 20 ARRIVAL.
- 2. SCICOUNS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED WITH FEDOSEYEV THAT MFA HAS NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL REQUEST THROUGH SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. FEDOSEYEV EXPRESSED GRAVE DOUBTS THAT CALL OF THE JARVIS AT NAKHODKA JUNE 20 COULD BE CLEARED AT THIS LATE POINT. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS TOO LATE TO FACILITATE JARVIS CALL JUNE 20 AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUESTS COAST GUARD IMMEDIATELY INFORM JARVIS. ASSUME JARVIS WILL ADHERE TO CONTINGENCY PLAN AND PROCEED TO YOKOSUKA.

3. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER WE SHOULD SUBMIT NOTE TO MFA REQUESTING PORT CALL, AND IF SO, FOR WHAT DATE AND PURPOSE. TOON

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